श्री दत्ता मेघे: सर, मुम्बई में पिछली बार आपको मालूम है, पानी आया था, बाढ़ आयी थी। मुम्बई में ...(व्यवधान)... का काम हो रहा है, सरकार ने स्कीम भेजी है। मुम्बई शहर के लिए आपने कितने पैसे दिए हैं और मुम्बई में तोड़-फोड़ के अलावा जो गरीब लोग हैं, उनके लिए राजीव गांधी जी ने सौ करोड़ रुपए दिए थे, उसके बाद कोई पैसा नहीं आया, सब गरीब लोग अच्छे फ्लैट में रहें, ऐसी मुम्बई के लिए कौन-सी योजना है और कितना पैसा उसके लिए दिया जा रहा है।

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Strengthening of Prasar Bharti

*481. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to strengthen the Prasar Bharti;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had constituted a Group of Ministers in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details of deliberations made by the Group of Ministers in their meetings?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. In order to strengthen the working of Prasar Bharti, the Government has constituted a Group of Ministers (GoM) on 7th March, 2006 to *inter alia* consider the following issues pertaining to it:—

(i) Capital Structure and funding pattern for Prasar Bharti;

(ii) Restoration of Section 22 of the Prasar Bharti Act;

(iii) Continuation of facilities of accommodation, health and education to the employees untill they join Prasar Bharti;

(iv) Financial package and service conditions to be offered to the employees for joining Prasar Bharti;

(v) Filling up of essential category posts in AIR and Doordarshan;

(vi) Amendments, if any, to Prasar Bharti Act, 1990, in the light of working of the Act;

(vii) Transition to commercial Audit; and

(viii) Other related issues, if any.

The first meeting of the GoM is scheduled to be held on 18.5.2006 to consider the above matters relating to Prasar Bharti.

NURM funds for Pune Municipal Corporation

*484. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pune Municipal Corporation has asked for Rs. 1030 crores of funds from NURM for meeting the rapidly growing infrastructure needs of one of the fastest growing IT location in the country;

(b) if so, what is the status of the application; and

(c) whether NURM would extend assistance preferably to other cities like Pune which do not have adequate infrastructure funding as they are not even State Capitals?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Sir, four projects costing Rs. 2237.41 crore have been received from Pune Municipal Corporation. Their status is given at Statement-I. (*See* below).

(c) Government of India has launched Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) for giving focused attention to development of 63 identified cities (list at Statement II.) (*See* Below) Pune is included in this list. For infrastructure development in other cities, a scheme known as Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) has been launched.